



Oktoberfest

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JOIN US FOR OKTOBERFEST!

Friday: 11am-10pm

Saturday: 11am - 10pm

Sunday: 12pm-6pm

Food service ends one hour before closing.

Last call half hour before closing.

Menu:

Bratwurst Sandwich

Currywurst Sandwich

Schnitzel Sandwich

PROST!



A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY:

In lieu of a reflection this month, I'd like to share with you a note we received from the seminary regarding our intern, Lorie. While we of course hoped and planned for a different outcome, I find peace in knowing that we helped Lorie pursue her call faithfully in the time that she had. Thank you for your support and care of her while she was with us, and may God bless her memory among us.

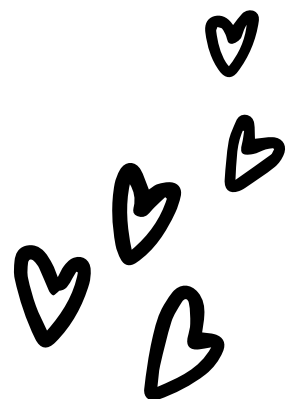
To Incarnation Lutheran Church,

While Lorie's death Monday evening was not unexpected, it was also not what any of us had hoped for when Lorie began her internship a few months ago. However, I think that we can move through this time of grief with some sense of gratitude for what Lorie was able to accomplish in the midst of her difficult path this past year.

I want to extend thanks from myself and from the seminary as a whole for the welcome, support, and guidance that the people of Incarnation gave to Lorie over the past few years. You all were an important and appreciated part of her journey.

Of course we wish that Lorie had been able to finish her internship and that we had been able to celebrate her ordination day. However, in a conversation that Lorie and I had over the summer, she told me that she already felt that she was doing precisely what God was calling her to do: she was working not only "in" but "with" the community of God's people at Incarnation. Whether that led to ordination or not for her was, in her eyes, a relatively minor matter. She had the opportunity to serve the servants of God there, and Lorie found joy and peace in that.

In the hope of the resurrection,
Dr. Brian Peterson
Professor of New Testament
Professor of Preaching
Coordinator of Internship
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary



CDC

Fall Festivities!

Field trips to the theatre, supporting our friends from Dreher High School for their homecoming parade, and spending time with Kimi (our Faith Formation Minister) are some of our favorites!



MUSIC

Dear ILC Friends,

We are so excited to be hosting the Palmetto Chamber Orchestra and the Columbia Choral Society! Join us on the following dates:

Palmetto Chamber Orchestra
Sunday, October 16th at 6:00 pm

Columbia Choral Society
Friday, November 4th at 7:00 pm - Ticketed Event
Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door, or
<https://www.columbiachoralsociety.org/concerts/>

Yours,
Dr. Patrick Hawkins, Director of Music and Organist

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

This month we will have our last Holy Guacamole on the 27th before we pause and start back up in January. If you have not attended a Holy Guacamole event, come and join us at Casa Linda starting at 6 pm. Holy Guacamole is a great way to get to know who's who in the pews at Incarnation. An email is sent out each month to RSVP, if you are not receiving these emails and would like to attend let Kimi know. We can't wait to see you on the 27th at Casa Linda!

On Sunday, October 30th after the 10 am service we will have our second annual Trunk-or-Treat. Get the word out to your friends and neighbors! Make sure you sign-up if you plan on decorating your trunk and passing out treats, there is a sheet on the Faith Formation board in the Reception Hall or you may email Kimi. (faith@incarnationlutheran.com).



OKTOBERFEST

It's Oktoberfest time again! We are DAYS away from our huge festival!

What is it?

Three-day festival serving authentic German food, beer and entertainment serving over 7000 people throughout the weekend. Completely put on by the members of the church and friends. No vendors – we do it all! Lots of help needed!

How does it work?

Hundreds of volunteer hours result in **“By the Numbers, 2019 Edition”**

- 7200 Meals sold
- 8900 Beer sales
- 5000 pastries

From the profits, we returned

- \$9000 to the church sanctuary renovation fund,
- \$5200 to the church,
- \$5200 to the church Youth for Youth Gathering,
- \$5200 to Lutheran Services Carolinas and
- \$1500 to Troop 8 for their tremendous volunteer effort

This effort is massive and requires lots and lots of volunteers. Here are some opportunities for you to plug in:

- October 2-6 – cooking, setting up, training on Point-of-Sale system
- October 5 – set up Wednesday evening. Taco bar at 5:30
- October 6 – continue set up, pizza supper
- Okt 7-9 – festival – 11a-10p Friday & Saturday, noon-6pm Sunday
- October 9 – festival worship under the big tent with the oompah band
- October 10 – clean up
- October 16 – load the storage PODs

Immediate needs:

- Sign up for shifts online for the festival
- Donate snacks for volunteers
- Invite your friends to come and to volunteer!

Finally, the best part -- worship outside Sunday at 10am under the tents, accompanied by the Mountaintop Polka Band. Encourage friends to come as well!

Our mission is to show God's love for all through hospitality, and to promote the well-being of Incarnation Lutheran Church and the larger community through responsible leadership and fun, hard work. If you would like to volunteer for Oktoberfest, please use the link below.

<http://www.oktoberfestcolumbia.com/volunteer.html>

Prost, y'all!

STEWARDSHIP

A Harvest of Sufficiency, Contentment, and Generosity



From Leviticus 19: 9-10 “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.”

“What I earn is mine, ALL mine, to do with what I want.” We get that message from our culture today again and again. Yet the Leviticus 19 clearly tells us that the “mine, all mine” attitude existed some 2,500 years ago as well or it wouldn’t have to have been addressed by God. It’s hard-wired into us.

Our sinful human nature leads us to claim all we can for ourselves, which is why for thousands of years and up to the present God has called faithful people to live a better way. In this passage, “the Lord your God” instructs farmers and vintners to harvest only once, and not to the very edges of their land, and to leave the remnants of the harvest to the poor and the foreigner – people on the margins scavenging for their daily bread.

The teaching encourages landowners to find sufficiency in their first harvest, to be content that their needs are met, and then be generous with what is left over. Today, Leviticus 19: challenges us whose “harvests” of income are more than sufficient to satisfy our immediate needs. Do we have to take it all? What can we leave for the needy?

In this traditional season of harvest, what blessings can you count from the last year? Take a few minutes to prayerfully consider this and make a list. Does your harvest more than adequately meet your needs?

Now prayerfully consider how much you can generously “leave” for the needy?

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

OCTOBER AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9:00 am - Pastor's Forum 9:15 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am- Sunday Worship Worship & Music Swipe Training	3 6:00 pm - Troop 8	4 9:00 am - Staff Meeting Sanctuary: Chapel 3:45 5:45 Blessing of the Animals 6:00 pm - Pack 8	5 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 Confirmation: 5:00 - 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 - 7:30	6 Mary Martha	7 OKTOBERFEST	8 OKTOBERFEST
9 OKTOBERFEST 10:00 am- Sunday Worship	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 Council Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting Sanctuary: Chapel 3:45 6:00 pm - Pack 8	12 Bible Study - 11:00 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 - 7:30	13	14	15
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30 Reformation Sunday Trunk or Treat	31 Columbia Choral Rehearsal					

October Happenings

October 7-9: Oktoberfest

October 10: Office Closed - Federal Holiday

October 11: Council Meeting at 6:30

October 16: 6:00 pm Palmetto Chamber Orchestra Concert

October 20: Holy Guacamole at 6:00 pm

October 27: CDC 10:00 am Spooky Walk

October 30: Reformation Sunday - Wear Red!

October 30: Trunk or Treat after Worship

November 6: All Saints Sunday - Bring photos of loved ones who have passed away.

Little Free Pantry

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to The Free Food Pantry. Through our donations, many persons have been able receive the gift of food. If you would like to make a monetary donation to The Free Food Pantry, you can do so through your online giving. Foods needed include:

1. Pop Top single entrée servings
(Ravioli, Mac and Cheese, etc.)
2. Canned Protein/Meats
3. Canned fruit
4. Carbohydrates such as Cereal (small servings are best,) Granola Bars, Pasta, Rice, Oatmeal, Grits, Crackers
5. Peanut Butter
6. Feminine Paper Products
7. Toiletries

GET IN TOUCH

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Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m.

(10 a.m. Worship is also live streamed on Facebook.)

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